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In re the Application of: **SHIMOSATO, Yoshikazu, et al.**

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For: **CONTINUOUS VACUUM CARBURIZING FURNACE**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 30, 2005**, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.